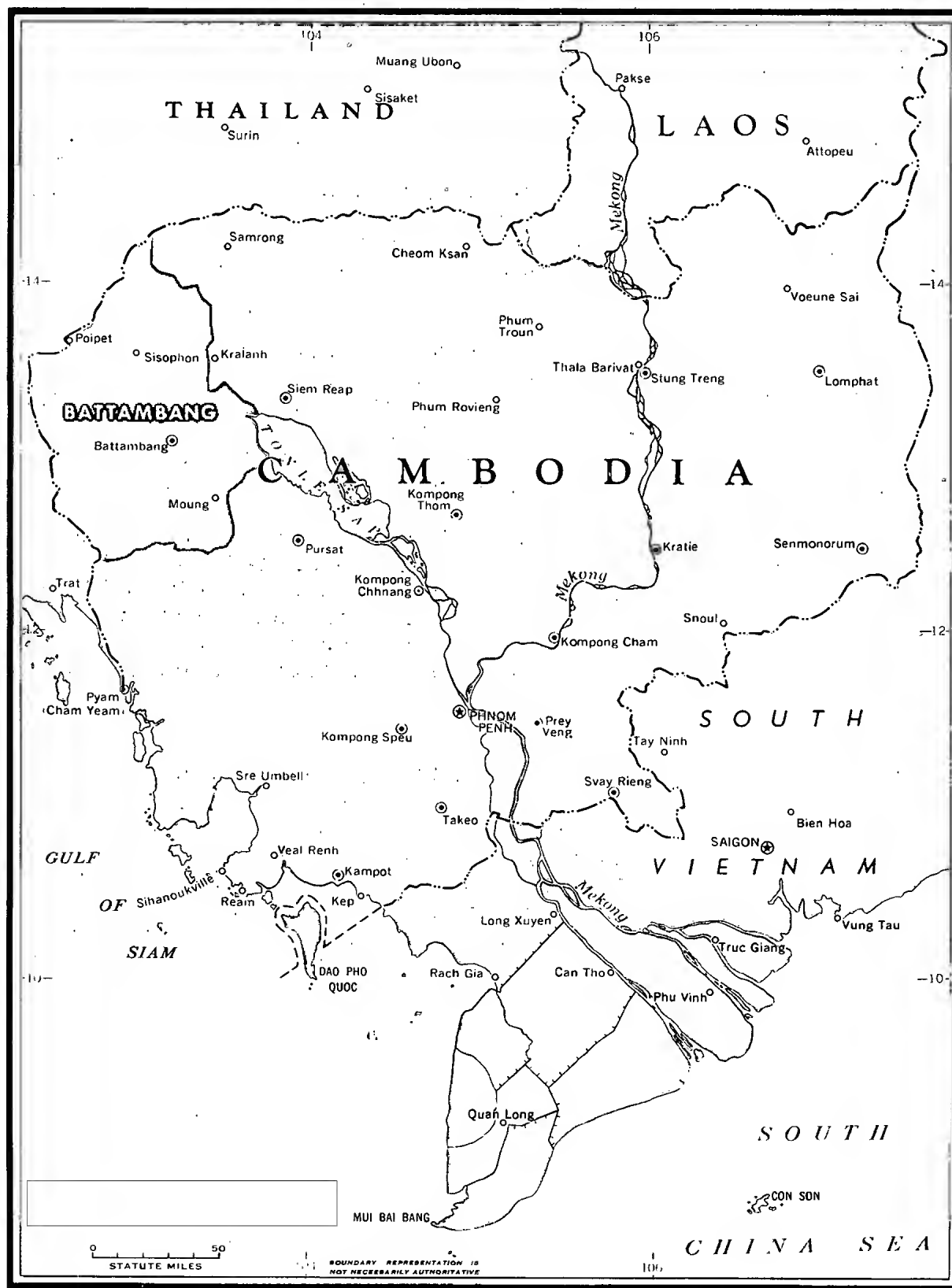


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1. Cambodia

The government is moving fast to smash opposition activity which recently broke out in Battambang Province (see map).

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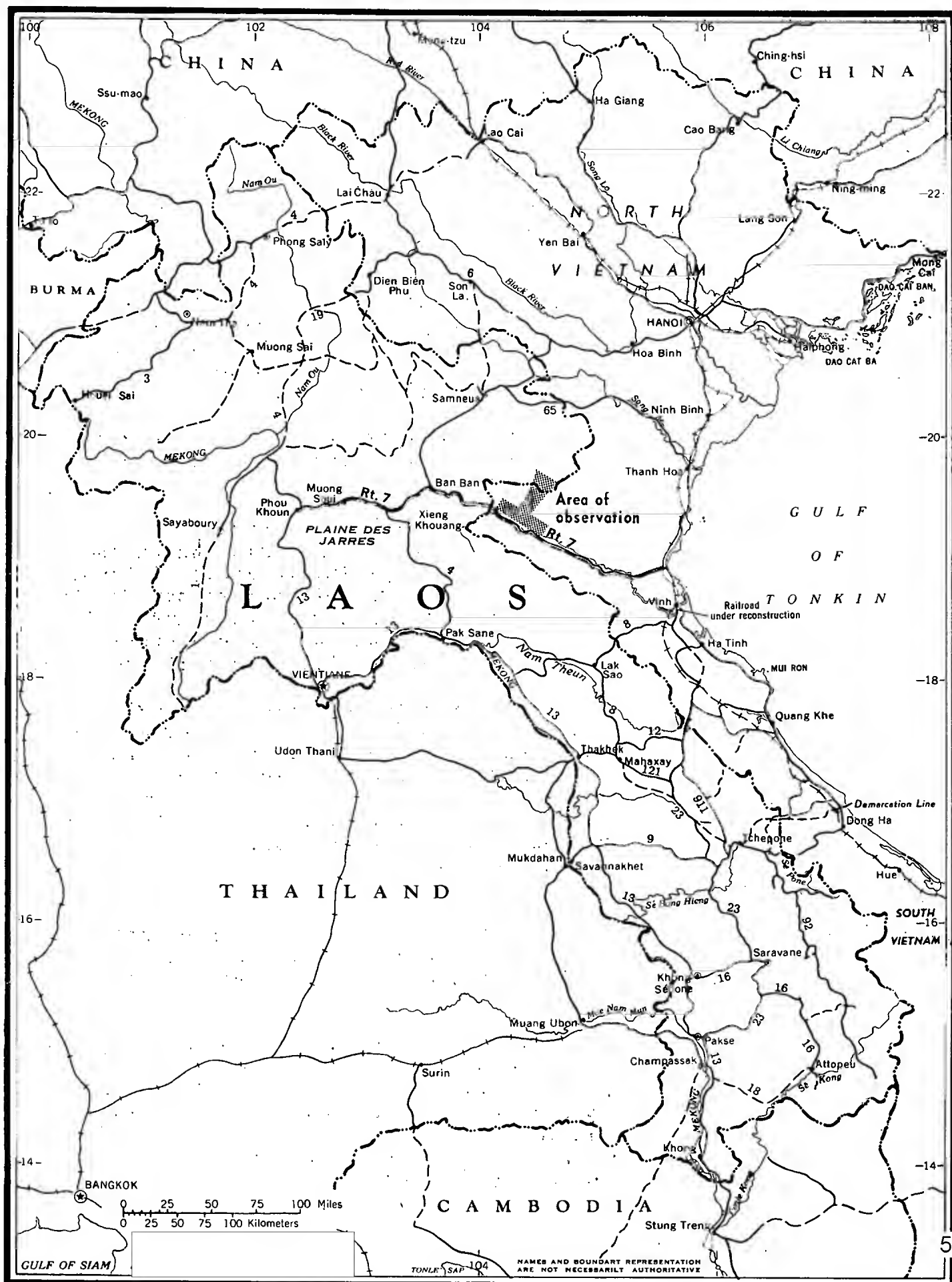
We cannot be sure yet just what the trouble is. Sihanouk calls it a "pro-Communist rebellion." We know that the government's oppressive economic measures had sparked public resistance in the area earlier this year.

Sihanouk may use the trouble to justify a crackdown on leftists who have recently been causing him political headaches in the capital. They want him to drop the moderate Lon Nol government, but Sihanouk seems to be backing Lon Nol.

2. India

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party has been caught short by a surprise show of unity among the opposition parties on Tuesday, when they announced agreement on their candidates for president and vice president. It is just possible that Congress will lose out when the big electoral college meets early next month. This would be a very serious blow to the party's prestige.

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3. North Vietnam

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4. Laos

There has been a sudden and large increase in truck traffic from North Vietnam toward the Plaine des Jarres in northern Laos.

We do not yet know the reason for this increase. However, the dry season will end in northern Laos soon and the Communists may be stockpiling for the bad weather. There are no other signs of build-up for a Communist military operation.

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5. Chile

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6. Bolivia

The government has abandoned the idea of trying quickly to eliminate the band of guerrillas that badly mauled an army patrol late last month. Plans now call for a sustained counterinsurgency campaign that could last for months.

Government efforts to hide the army's incredibly bad performance are causing highly exaggerated press stories about the guerrilla threat. Actually, the guerrillas probably number fewer than a hundred, are geographically isolated, and do not now pose a threat to the regime.

7. Nigeria

The federal government seems at a loss how to respond to the Eastern Region's edict taking control of revenues collected there. So far all it has done is to suspend national airline flights and cargo deliveries into the East. Two of the three other regional governors have refused to support stronger economic retaliation. This is a further sign of the growing impotence of the central government.

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